

Amdt. After Final Dated: February 19, 2003
Reply to Office Action of January 26, 2003

Docket No. 50(X)24-19 (TECON-66072)
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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Final Office Action of January 26, 2004.

Claims 1 - 12 and 14 - 23 are pending in the application. In the Final Office Action claims 1 - 12 and 14 - 19 are allowed; claims 20 - 22 are rejected based on the cited art; and claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicant has canceled rejected claims 20 - 22. The objected-to claim 23 is rewritten in independent form in order to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the claims are other than in condition for immediate allowance the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 242-2735 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, or application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, which may be required now or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 16-2230.

Respectfully submitted,

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